

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL
Lessor and Manager..... Mr. Samuel Lazar.
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FOURTH WEEK
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CONTINUED TRIUMPHANT RECEPTION
Triumphant Reception
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POPULAR AND TALENTED
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ENGLISH ACTRESS,
Miss
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whose brilliant performances are highly witnessed by
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The MOST LEGITIMATE SUCCESS ACHIEVED
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GRAND DOUBLE PROGRAMME
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MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS
in
DRAMA and COMEDY
Drama and Comedy.

THIS (Saturday) EVENING, 3rd June, 1876,
the performance will commence with the beautiful Lyric
Drama (from the Danish of Henrik Herz, by the Hon.
E. Phillips), entitled
KING RENE'S DAUGHTER
King René's Daughter.
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IOLANTHE (the blind daughter of King RENÉ).
Followed by *Tobin's* sparkling Comedy,
THE HONEYMOON
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JULIANA MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS
Duke Aranza Mr. Gen. D. Chaplin
Supported by the full strength of the only thoroughly
spanished Dramatic Company in the Australian colonies.

Doors open at half-past 7 precisely. Overture at 8
Clock. Corrigees at 10.30.
Box Office, Queen-street, to 4 p.m., at J. R. Clarke's,
317, Pitt-street, where seats for the Dress Circle may be
secured in advance, and tickets for all parts of the house,
to prevent crowding and inconvenience at night.

Tickets purchased during the day admitted at 7 o'clock.
SAMUEL LAZAR

GRAND EVENING CONCERT
under the immediate patronage of
His Excellency Mr. Robinson, K.C.M.G.,
and the
Honorable Mr. Robinson:

J. V. Bernard, Esq., J. V. Mayor, and the Aldermen of the
Borough of Woolloomooloo;

James Outley, Esq., J. P., Mayor, and the Aldermen of the
Borough of Paddington;

Superintendent of Firemen, and Members of No. 1
Volunteer Fire Company;

Superintendent of Camb, Officers and Members of No. 2
Volunteer Fire Company;

in aid of the funds of the
WOOLLAHRA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE,
to be given

THURSDAY, NEXT, JUNE 8,
in the
ODDFELLOWS' HALL, PIPER-STREET, WOOL-
LAHRA.

PROGRAMME.

Part I.
1. Solo Flute—Overture—*Les Dianas de la Couronne*—Auber
2. Solo—*Soil fuité*—(Dumas).—Domestic
Miss HARRISON, Miss ST. CLAIR, and Mr. BUCKE.
3. Grand Scene—*Al! for' l'h! la!*—(La Traviata) Verdi
4. Miss WANGENHEIM.

5. Arias—*Il Ballo*—(For my own fatale)—(Il Trovatore)—Verdi
6. Song—*I'll follow thee*—Farmer
Flute obligato by Mr. H. St. Johnstone.
(Composed expressly for Miss Harrison by W. St. Johnstone)

7. Ballad—*Touch me, Harry gently, my pretty Louise*—Blamphid
8. Harry AUCKLAND.

7. Ballad—*Out on the Rocks*—(by request) Satinol Dolby

9. Romanza—*Io la perdi*—Maitre

Mr. J. C. NEILL (Amateur).

10. Solo Flute—*Wangenheim*—Hauer

11. Solo Violin—Grand Fanfare—*Lunecia Borgia*—Hauer

12. Solo—*Il Ballo*—(Amateur).

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AMERICAN NOTES.

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Many of the journals have already written him down as a sharper, while others profess to regard his connection with the Emma Mine as merely an indiscretion. Some of the Salt Lake people affect to have faith in the Emma venture, and all have abundant cause to regret that their mining prosperity should have received so severe a check as it has done from the withdrawal of confidence on the part of English capitalists, who, having once bitten, are now very shy. Silver mining is being carried on in the neighbourhood of the Mormon settlement, and a score or two of smelting works have been erected in the territory. Coal, for which there is a growing demand, is also abundant, and within easy access. As for timber, the plains are as bare of it as they are of grass and water. The mountain slopes are also treeless, but wood is to be had in the hollows of the gorges, and is cut into Salt Lake from a distance of about five and twenty miles. A clean sweep has been made of "the noble man" in most places. A few half-shaped heads of the bison which he hunted are on sale as curiosities at some of the railway stations, and the price asked indicate a scarce supply of this commodity. Two small flocks of antelopes were to be seen in the distance on the Rocky Mountains; several jackass rabbits pricked up their long ears as the train went by, and a few communities of jolly little people were peering out of their holes as determined to make the most of the transient sunlight. Wolves, bears, and a plentiful stock of specimens of American natural history generally figure upon the pages of the guide books, but they may be met with much more easily than seen. There are also publications full of illustrations of the most charming and romantic views—illustrations which are very likely as accurate as they are artistic; but if a man who invests in a "tourist" expects to see all or half of what he finds described, or pictures, he will be miserably disappointed. In America, as everywhere else, the beauty of the country does not enter into the brain of the engineer who determines the course the line shall take, and if the road is not made to go straight through a dead level it is not his fault. Then, too, railway travelling at the slowest rates in vogue, is too swift for the clear perception and full enjoyment of the beauties of nature; and, therefore, anyone who would see the grandeur of the country should make excursions from the railroad to such places as may be of interest. Travel upon the rough tracks away from the line would beget a lively sympathy for the bands of adventurous spirits who after the gold discovery braved the attacks of the Indians, and in thousands of instances fell victims to hunger and thirst, possibly to the scalping-knife.

The most romantic scenery along the whole route is probably to be found among the Sierras, but there the views are often destroyed by the almost uninterrupted succession of snow-sheds. The territory is also full of attraction to those who delight in abrupt and rugged country. The impression which the precipitous rocks make upon the mind must be greatly enhanced by the monotonous and level tracts through which the locomotive runs after leaving the Sierras. The road follows the windings of the Humboldt, and the track is laid upon one or other of its banks and under the shadow of blue rocks. Upon the melting of the snows the stream becomes a rapid torrent, which is crossed and recrossed repeatedly over timber viaducts. At the Placidas the mountains close in on either side, forming a narrow opening for the river and the railroad. The lofty, almost perpendicular, cliffs which wall the place are honeycombed with the weather, and faced with a yellow lichen which looks like an encrustation of sulphur. About two hours further on, the traveller in the winter months who rises early will find that the train is running over an embankment, and stretching away to the right as far as the eye can see is the bed of an immense lake, the shore lines of which are broken by steep and high headlands, which run out into what appears to have been an inland sea. The mean-looking stations and settlements at which the train stops over their existence chiefly to some community of miners or timber-cutters among the mountains; and, although they are nearly deserted in the winter, in the summer months they become centres of considerable trading activity. From one of these places (Carlin) which are 55 miles distant from Oakland, the names of the passengers on trains bound west are telegraphed to the San Francisco papers as regularly as the names of the passengers by the Suez or Torres Straits mails are transmitted to Sydney or Adelaide or Brisbane. Humboldt Valley is an improvement upon the American desert for purposes of settlement; but it is only not bad because the desert is worse in its utter sterility. To the early immigrants going westward this valley was a favourite resting place, affording them a scanty crop of grass for their animals, and an abundant supply of water from a score of fat-bottomed wells, which are supposed to be the craters of extinct volcanoes. Salt Lake comes into view for about half an hour before the train arrives at Ogden, the line being apparently not far distant from the margin. The mountains which surround the

lake are irregular in their outline, and covered with snow, form a sharp contrast to the dark shining surface of the water. Of the two islands in the lake, "Antelope," the largest is fifteen miles long. There were two or three boats lying on the shore; but the time is not very remote when this charming expanse of water, said to measure 45 miles in one direction and nearly 130 in another, will be dotted over by the steam launches and yachts of successful traders, miners, and others at Salt Lake City and Ogden. Promontory Point, to the west of Ogden, is a place of some interest as having been the locality where the first line of the trans-continental railway from the east was connected with that from the west, on the 10th of May, 1869, just seven years before the day of the national Centennial. A month before the completion of the lines the extraordinary feat of laying ten miles of rails in one day was accomplished on the Central Pacific Road, eight men having lifted and handled the one thousand tons weight of rails laid in that distance. The connection of the lines was celebrated with an enthusiasm which befitted so important an event, and the hammar which drove the last spike at midday also flashed intelligence of the completion of the Governor upon his action in London with reference to the Agent-General's office. It will be remembered that Wheeler, the secretary, had been summarily dismissed by the agent upon his arrival. An actual survivor, left on evidence which was sufficient to sever the connection between Mr. King and the Administration; and it is not impossible that the outcome of the amendment may be the formation of a new party in the liberal interest.

The week just passed has been eventful. Parliament has opened, and many of the doings of the Government for the last eight months which have either been altogether unknown, or have been the subject of various surmises, have been disclosed, or are in process of disclosure, while their intentions for the future have been declared. The speech which will of course have reached you, has no more given universal satisfaction than is usually the case; but it has provided a salient point of attack from a quarter apparently prepared to avail of the first chance afforded them, but which was an unexpected one so far as the general public were concerned. The plan of railway construction, determined on by the Government for the present year, confuses extension to a continuation of the line from Warwick to our southern border; and it is this which offends the northern and central representatives who have been in the habit of supporting the popular Government. It is of course not without significance that in this the question severed the connection between Mr. King and the Administration; and it is not impossible that the outcome of the amendment may be the formation of a new party in the liberal interest.

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On Saturday we began to be apprehensive of an extensive fire epidemic setting in, as we had accounts of destructive conflagrations at Sandhurst and Ballarat following immediately upon the three great fires in Melbourne. The *Argus* of this morning comments on length on what it calls "the remarkable synchronisation of extensive and disastrous fires in some of the great centres of population with the absence of the various fire brigades at the Ballarat festival." After referring to the tradition amongst insurance people that by the custom of the fire brigade being based upon the responsible government of our own necessities; but at Sandhurst the whole resources of the Government were placed at the disposal of Signor d'Albertis, and the Government Resident was instructed to render no assistance to the fire brigade, the writer admits his inability to trace any symptoms of its mysterious operation in the instances under notice; but the fact of depression existing in the trade of Melbourne is also admitted, and that the mystic law to which allusion has been made, although dormant up to the time of the departure of the brigades from Melbourne, asserted itself as soon as the fire brigade was disbanded. 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OUR OTAGO LETTER.

DUNEDIN, MAY 20.

Mr. Fitzherbert, the Superintendent of Wellington, has consented to become the Government nominee for the office of Speaker of the New House of Representatives, and as his nomination will probably be seconded by Sir George Grey, his election is pretty certain. Although he has accepted the offer with the reservation that his political independence is not thereby to be restricted, retirement from the active warfare of Parliament must needs be a great loss to the Opposition, of whom he is the Ulysses and Nestor combined.

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At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held lately, a letter was presented from the Maoris, Chamber, on the subject of the establishment of tribunals of commerce for the easy settlement of mercantile disputes, but the meeting being thinly attended, the consideration of the matter was postponed.

Dr. Knight, the Senior Commissioner of Audit, is about to retire on a pension. He will be succeeded by Mr. G. S. Cooper, the Under-Secretary for the colony.

by her marriage with Mr. Hill, known professionally as Stevens. Ills, the manager of her company. This unexpected event took place on the 16th instant, the marriage ceremony being performed in the most unostentatious manner at the registrar's office. De Murska, notwithstanding her high prices, got crowded houses every night, and ought not to regret her visit to Dunedin. During her stay she opened the new Princess's Theatre, a building seated 1,500 persons, which has been erected upon the site of the theatre which stood several years ago. The company is now on its way to Christchurch overland, having arranged to give concerts at Oamaru and Timaru.

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The Carolean Troop, with Mr. G. Cudroth, performed during the week.

It has been steadily steady all day (Tuesday), with every appearance of a continuation.

was fully proved, and he was sent for three months to Mafeking with his wife.

The birthday of Her Majesty the Queen was celebrated here by a general payment off the debt on the Roman Catholic school. The bill was handsomely decorated with flags of all nations, and the attendance was very great, the number of members of all denominations.

The ladies who composed the audience were the wives of the churchmen, and several others. A few of the choir sang a few excellent songs, interspersed with recitations. In the course of the evening the Rev. Mr. Davies, M.A., forward and delivered an address, thanking all present for their kind attention, and who had provided the tables, and all who had taken part in the entertainment. The evening wound up with dancing till nearly 12 o'clock.

It may be the only one of any consequence in the district, and which the whole political position

has been argued pro and con. The last letter of the Premier's containing several proposals relative to the new Constitution, being the sixth and last session. These proposals are notable, inasmuch as they show that the Government, despite their solemn pledges to the contrary, intend to seize the Southern Land Fund to pay the interest upon the railway loans, the alternative being, according to the Premier, an income and a property tax; and they have recited a proportionate amount of the Otago Fund.

The trencher is duplex, since it relates not only to the Land Fund, but also to the conditions under which the public works scheme was originally sanctioned by Parliament.

It was then laid down as a fundamental principle, and embodied in a statute, that each district should be liable to make up any deficiency that might occur in its railway accounts; and relying upon this agreement, the Assembly permitted the commissioners of the districts which it was known could not pay interest upon the cost of construction. Now, the Government propose to throw all the railway accounts into hothouse, and to relieve the districts from this liability. The Premier also indicated in this letter that the Government intended to propose at some future time the establishment of a free and compulsory system of education throughout the colony. It will be very nice to have free education, but the education rates to pay, but the Premier, not unwise, proposed to explain where the money to support the schools would come from. Possibly we shall be enlightened when Parliament assembles. The session will be an eventful one, and it would take a clever man to predict what Ministry will be in office at its close.

There has been a great fuss about an attempt by the Otago Provincial Executive to sell 64,000 acres of the best land in Otago, in large blocks to runholders. The agriculturists mainly made the most of it, but people of a different view were likewise condemned the project on the ground of inexpediency. In the localities wherein the land was situated indignation meetings were held, and resolutions passed protesting against its sale in this manner; and the Waste Lands Board, whose sanction had to be obtained before the transaction could be completed, evidently impressed by the weight of public opinion, rescinded the proposal.

The agriculturists, however, were not satisfied with the public works held, commencing at 6:30 p.m., which attracted a large audience, and the Rev. Mr. Currow, on the Sunday, addressed the worshippers.

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L. E. THRELKELD has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 9th June, at 11 o'clock. Several invoices of the above.

Terms at sale.

BOOTS AND SHOES. BOOTS AND SHOES.

M. R. M. MOLONY has received instructions from the importers, to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 229, George-street, on MONDAY NEXT, the 6th June, at 11 o'clock prompt.

The above.

Terms liberal, at sale.

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The Brick COTTAGES and LAND, fronting the main road, between the Butcher's and Baker's Shops, close to the School.

B. BOWDEN and MILLS have been instructed by the mortgagee to sell by auction, on the ground, on TUESDAY, June 6, at 12 o'clock.

The two cottages at present occupied by Mr. Stubb and Mrs. Anderson, opposite the late Mr. James.

The cottages are built of brick, with shingled roofs. Mr. Stubb's cottage contains 6 rooms, Mrs. Anderson's cottage 4 rooms. The land has about 80 feet frontage by a depth of about 150 feet.

To persons requiring a business position this property offers a good opportunity, being in the centre of the village and for absolute sale by the mortgagee.

Title good. Terms at sale.

In the insolvent Estate of Adam Gibson.

A FIVE-ROOMED COTTAGE, MULLENS-STREET, BALMAIN.

B. BOWDEN and MILLS are instructed by B. Samuel Lyons, Esq., Official Assignee, to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 154, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, the 8th June, at half-past 11 o'clock prompt.

A weatherboard cottage, containing four rooms, erected in Mulleens-street, on an allotment of fresh land, 30 feet by 100 feet, four doors from the West-End Hotel.

The house is built of hardwood, the internal walls plastered.

Terms at sale.

BALMAIN.

A TWO-STORYED STONE HOUSE, CAMPBELL-STREET.

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A weatherboard cottage, containing four rooms, erected in Campbell-street, Balmain, known as Mrs. Ross's, adjoining Mrs. Brown's, and opposite the church.

The house is pleasantly situated, contains 8 rooms, has a verandah and a large, small garden in front and good yard, at the rear to which there is a side entrance.

From the house to the kitchen is a covered way. There are two store rooms, a washhouse, woodhouse, and a detached spare room. A good supply of water from a well.

Mr. J. H. Munro's, a good cellar.

Title satisfactory. Terms at sale.

M. R. J. H. MUNRO has received instructions from Evan Kennedy to sell by auction, at the Rooms, Prince-street, Grafton, Gloucester River, on THURSDAY, 8th June, at 11 o'clock sharp.

All that piece or parcel of land, containing 269 acres fronting Palmer's Island Channel, highly improved and in a fine condition, containing 60 rooms, 6 rooms, kitchen, cellar, and wash-house, with shed, yards enclosed with stone walls, &c., at rear.

Rental, £135 per annum.

The attention of capitalists is directed to the sale of this property, which is a valuable piece of land, close to WILLIAM-STREET. The premises are commodious, substantially built, and finished in good style.

LOT 2. Allotment of LAND having 20 FEET frontage to DOWLING-STREET, adjoining the southern boundary of above.

B. BOWDEN and MILLS have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 9th June, at 11 o'clock.

LOT 1—All that block of land having 40 FEET FRONTAGE to the west side of DOWLING-STREET, with a depth of 81 feet, upon which are erected TWO DWELLING-HOUSES, Nos. 161 and 163, DOWLING-STREET, built of brick on stone foundations, with a depth of 188 FEET, extending to a line at the rear; and lot 6 has also a frontage of 108 feet to EMILY-STREET.

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